

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

DIGITAL VERIFICATION SYSTEMS,
LLC,

PATENT

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 2:20-cv-1148

v.

INTEGRATED MEDIA MANAGEMENT,
LLC,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff, Digital Verification Systems, LLC. (“Digital Verification” or “Plaintiff”), through its undersigned attorneys, sues Defendant, Integrated Media Management, LLC (“IMM”), and alleges:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9,054,860 (“the ‘860 patent”), arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 and 281. This action relates to the unauthorized making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing of unauthorized products that infringe the claims of the ‘860 patent. As set forth herein, Plaintiff brings this action to enjoin Defendant from infringing the ‘860 patent, and to recover all damages associated with the infringement of the ‘860 patent, including attorneys’ fees and costs.

PARTIES

2. Digital Verification is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, with its principal place of business at 1400 Preston Road, Suite 1400, Plano, Texas 75093.

3. Upon information and belief, IMM is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, having a principal place of business and its headquarters at 2 City Halle Plaza, Rahway, NJ 07065.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 100, *et seq.*, and this Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b).

5. Upon information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over IMM, because, *inter alia*, IMM is incorporated in this district and has its registered agent in this district.

6. Upon information and belief, IMM regularly and continuously transacts business within the State of New Jersey, including availing itself of the privilege of conducting business in the State of New Jersey by developing, manufacturing, marketing, and/or selling its IMM products there for use by New Jersey citizens. Upon information and belief, IMM derives substantial revenue from its sales including residents in the State of New Jersey. For instance, IMM offers its products for sale online to customers, including customers in New Jersey.

7. Upon information and belief, IMM will directly and/or through its employees or agents, and/or its customers, uses products, as defined below, that contain each and every element of at least one claim of the '860 patent with the knowledge and/or understanding that such products are used or will be used in this District. For example, Defendant offers the accused

product to customers in New Jersey through its website. *See id.* Upon information and belief, Defendant has engaged in substantial and not isolated activity within the district. For these reasons, exercise of jurisdiction over Defendant is proper and will not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

8. Regarding at least some of its activities, Defendant solicits business from and markets its products to consumers within New Jersey by providing a system and a method of digital identification verification, as described in the ‘860 patent.

9. In addition to Defendant’s continuously and systematically conducting business in New Jersey, the causes of action against Defendant are connected (but not limited) to Defendant’s purposeful acts committed in the State of New Jersey including Defendant’s use of a system and a method of digital identification verification, as described in the ‘860 patent.

10. Defendant is a company that has a regular and established presence in the district and makes and uses a system and a method of digital identification verification.

11. For the reasons set forth above, venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because Defendant has committed acts of infringement and has a regular and established place of business in this District.

BACKGROUND

12. On June 9, 2015, the USPTO duly and legally issued the ‘860 patent, entitled “Digital Verified Identification System and Method” after a full and fair examination. *See* Exhibit .

13. Digital Verification is presently the owner of the patent, having received all right, title and interest in and to the ‘860 patent from the previous assignee of record. Therefore, Digital Verification, as the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the ‘860 patent,

possesses the right to sue for infringement of the '860 patent to recover past and present damages, as well as seek an injunction or reasonable royalties against future infringement.

THE '860 PATENT

14. The '860 patent contains a total of thirty-nine (39) claims: four (4) independent claims and thirty-five (35) dependent claims.

15. The '860 patent claims a digital verified identification system and a method of digital identification verification.

16. Defendant commercializes, inter alia, a digital verification system comprising at least one digital identification module structured to be associated with at least one entity, a module generating assembly structured to receive at least one verification data element corresponding to the at least one entity and create said at least one digital identification module, said at least one digital identification module being disposable within at least one electronic file, and said at least one digital identification module comprising at least one primary component structured to at least partially associate said digital identification module with said at least one entity, wherein said at least one digital identification module is cooperatively structured to be embedded within only a single electronic file.

17. Defendant also commercializes, inter alia, a method of digital identification verification, comprising: receiving at least one verification data element from an entity, creating at least one digital identification module corresponding to the entity, wherein the digital identification module includes at least one primary component at least partially associated with the entity, and embedding the at least one digital identification module within an electronic file, wherein said at least one digital identification module is cooperatively structured to be embedded within only a single electronic file.

18. The '860 patent will expire no earlier than March 7, 2034 due, in part, to patent term adjustments.

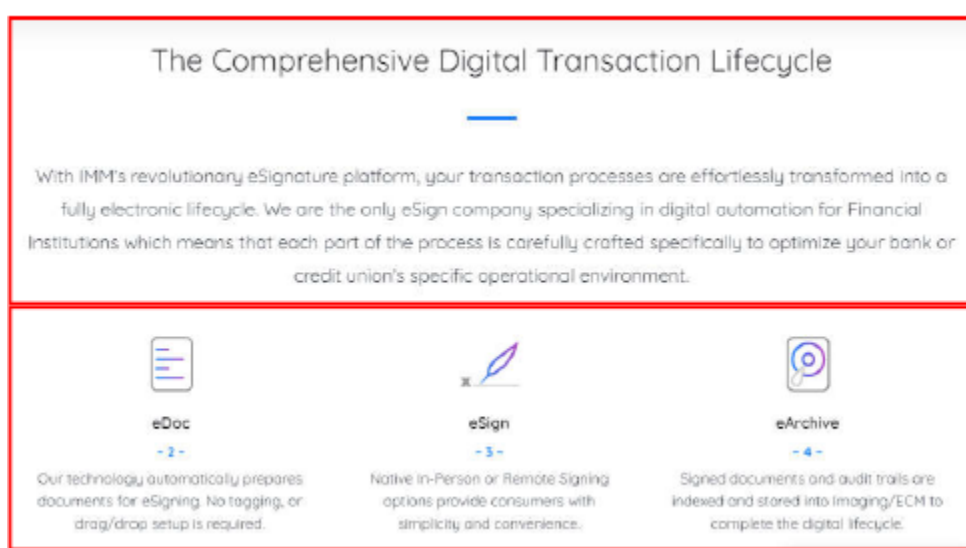
19. The '860 patent discloses and claims, in part, an invention for “a digital verified identification system and method having at least one digital identification module structured to be embedded or otherwise disposed within one or more electronic files.” *See* Exhibit 1 at Col. 1, lines 46-48. The invention disclosed and claimed in the '860 patent solved at least one technical issue in which “various electronic signatures or identifiers...are rather difficult to authenticate, and as such, it has become an arduous, if not impossible task to verify and/or authenticate the identity of the signatory to a respectable degree.” *See id.* at Col. 1, lines 48-51. In particular, the disclosed system and method allow for “a module or entity reference code and/or number, the signatory's name, the date/time, or other data corresponding to the signatory and/or the signatory's digital identification module.” *Id.* at Col. 2, lines 12-17.

20. Furthermore, the combination of elements – the software solution – allows for a system and method to “access some or all of the metadata components of the digital identification module, for example, by activating the module. Specifically, the user may hover a mouse or other pointing device thereon, or click on the digital identification module via the mouse or pointing device.” *See id.* at Col. 2, lines 30-48. The present solution further allows “creating at least one digital identification module corresponding to the entity,” “embedding the at least one digital identification module within an electronic file,” such that the “at least one digital identification module is cooperatively structured to be embedded within only a single electronic file.” *See id.* at Col. 8, lines 1-3, Col. 8, lines 21-24, and Col. 7, line 33 – Col. 8, line 62.





INFRINGEMENT BY IMM AND ITS CUSTOMERS

21. The accused products include, but are not limited to, IMM's IMM eSign product ("the Accused Product"). IMM directly infringes through the actions of the Accused Product. In particular, the Accused Product performs each and every element of at least claim 26 of the '860 patent.

22. The Accused product is a method of digital identification verification that is stored on the cloud and accessed by customers. *See* www.immonline.com.



23. The Accused Product allows IMM to receive at least one verification data element from an entity (*i.e.*, a customer). The Accused Product allows a user to enter an access code for accessing documents. *See* <https://youtu.be/hyO7n8yXZA8>.

eSignature					Authentication				
Signer	Documents	Print	Begin Signing	In Person	Remote	Status	Type	Email Address	Details
John Doe				<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		Email		
Jane Doe				<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		Email		

24. The Accused Product also allows for IMM to create at least one digital identification module corresponding to the entity, wherein the digital identification module

includes at least one primary component at least partially associated with the entity.

<https://youtu.be/2X75XvKHKNg>.

The image shows a screenshot of an IMM (Immigration and Migration Management) form and the eSignature Management interface. The top form contains various fields for personal and financial information, including Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Present Address, Previous Address, Employment Information, and Assets/Liabilities. The bottom section shows the eSignature Management interface with buttons for 'Sign', 'Documents', 'Begin Signing', and 'Authentication'.

25. The Accused Product allows IMM to embed the at least one digital identification module within an electronic file. The Accused Product allows the customer to attach an e-signature and IMM, through allowing access to the Accused Product, embeds the signature. See <https://www.immonline.com>.



Digitally Transform Your Institution

IMM's eSignature and eTransaction technology dramatically change the way consumers interact with your Institution. Deliver new, dynamic methods for consumers to complete and sign documents at a place and time that is convenient for them. Enhance back-office processes and associated tasks to improve transaction compliance and process flow across your institution.

26. The Accused Product allows for IMM to cooperatively structure the at least one digital identification module such that it is embedded within only a single document.

<https://www.immonline.com>. Upon information and belief, the information is embedded within the document to allow the customer to access and review the information.

The screenshot shows a digital document form with various fields for personal and financial information. Red boxes highlight specific areas:

- Signature Area:** A box containing two signature fields. The first field has a handwritten signature "X [Signature]" and the word "SPENDER?". The second field has a handwritten signature "X [Signature]" and the word "DATE".
- eDoc, eSign, and eArchive Section:** A box containing three icons and their descriptions:
 - eDoc:** - 2 - Our technology automatically prepares documents for eSigning. No tagging, or drag/drop setup is required.
 - eSign:** - 3 - Native In-Person or Remote Signing options provide consumers with simplicity and convenience.
 - eArchive:** - 4 - Signed documents and audit trails are indexed and stored into Imaging/ECM to complete the digital lifecycle.

27. As shown in paragraphs 1-26 above, the Accused Product contains all of the elements of at least claim 26 of the '860 patent. Defendant's Accused Product is enabled by invention described and claimed in the '860 patent.

COUNT I

(DIRECT INFRINGEMENT OF THE '860 PATENT BY IMM)

28. Each of the preceding paragraphs 1 through 27 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth.

29. In violation of, at least, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, upon information and belief, Defendant is now, and has directly infringed the '860 patent.

30. Defendant has had knowledge of infringement of the '860 patent, or will have knowledge of infringement of the '860 patent upon the service of this Complaint. Defendant's infringement of the '860 patent will thus be knowing and intentional at least upon the service of this Complaint.

31. Defendant has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe at least claim 26 of the '860 patent by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing the Accused Product with a mobile device without authority in the United States. Defendant does not have a license or authorization to use any product covered by the claims of the '860 patent.

32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's direct infringement of the '860 patent, Plaintiff has been and continues to be damaged.

33. By engaging in the conduct described herein, Defendant has injured Rothschild and is thus liable for direct infringement of the '860 patent, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

34. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '860 patent, Rothschild has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's past infringement, together with interests and costs.

35. If infringement of the '860 patent by IMM is not enjoined, Rothschild will suffer substantial and irreparable harm now and in the future for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

36. Digital Verification demands a trial by jury of all causes of action that are so triable.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Digital Verification respectfully requests that this Court grant the following relief:

1. That Defendant be adjudged to have infringed the '860 patent literally or through the doctrine of equivalents;

2. An order permanently enjoining IMM, its affiliates, subsidiaries, and each of its officers, agents, servants and employees, and those acting in privity or concert with it, from making, using, offering to sell, or selling in the United States, or importing into the United States, the Accused Product, any component of the Accused Product that constitutes a material part of the claimed invention, or any product that infringes the '860 patent until after the expiration date of the '860 patent, including any extensions and/or additional periods of exclusivity to which Digital Verification is, or becomes, entitled;

3. An award of damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §284 sufficient to compensate Digital Verification for the Defendant's past infringement and any continuing or future infringement up until the date that Defendant is finally and permanently enjoined from further infringement, including compensatory damages;

4. An assessment of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs against Defendant, together with an award of such interest, expert fees, and costs incurred during this litigation, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §284;

5. That Defendant's infringement after service of this Complaint is intentional and knowing infringement and the assessment of three times the damages found for infringement after service of this Complaint, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §284;

6. That Defendant be directed to pay enhanced damages, including Digital Verification's attorneys' fees incurred during this litigation pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §285; and

7. Such further relief as this Court deems proper and just, including but not limited to any appropriate relief under Title 35.

Dated February 2, 2020

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